

Te Kuiti Junior Badminton will be held throughout Term two starting Monday 20 May from 3.30pm at Waitomo Sports Stadium (next to Pukenui School)
 Fee - \$2 per player per day, age – 8yrs and older. Sessions will be run by KiwiSport Officer Tracey Hallam (ex Olympic medallist). Inquiries to Dede, Sport Waikato, Waitomo – ph. 878 7867.

Board of Trustees News

Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Batger, Alannah	Gerrard, Sandra	Gray, Gaye
Hughes, Mitchell	Stubbs, Ben	Verry, Adrian

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was one valid nomination received, I hereby declare: Easton, Helen duly elected.

Signed: Glenys George, Returning Officer

It is very exciting to see a wonderful mix of people who have come forward to join the Board and this should be of great benefit to the school. Myke Taane-Edwards has stood down from the Board. Myke's valuable contributions and inputs will be missed, thank you for your involvement and support.

Children's Work



What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

29 May	COP's Winter Sports
30-31 May	Life Education
3 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
7 June	Community Assembly, 1.40pm

Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺



Newsletter

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Term Two 2013

Week Three – 24 May

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school Sage Sandison. Sage is five and joins the Kowhai class. Welcome Craig and Monica to our parent community.

Also welcome back to school Portia, and Mum. Portia is recovering from knee surgery after an accident at soccer two weeks ago.

Recently parents and various adults have popped into school during break times. This has been extremely helpful in the developing of positive interaction with the children. We wish to encourage this, so if you are planning to pop in sometime, try it over lunch time and join in with what's going on at the time, or just come and sit with the kids for a chat. Morning tea 10.30am to 10.50am and lunch is from 12.30pm to 1.25pm.

Third Teacher Appointment

The Board continue to discuss the process of employing a permanent third teacher. Appointing staff to teaching positions would usually be the role of the Principal however Julian Dimond, currently employed in a fixed term position is intending to apply for the permanent position.

As Principal, and wife to Julian, I will be stepping down from the Appointment Committee due to conflict of interest. The Board are in contact with education consultant Bill Nobel to act as the facilitator leading



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the Appointment Committee which may also include a Principal from a school in Hamilton and one nominated Board member. I will be an observer in the interviews. The Board will be meeting with Bill to discuss interview questions and criteria. The position will be advertised in the Education Gazette dated 29 July and 12 August.

ACKMA

At the ACKMA Conference an auction was held at Woodlyn Park with Barry Woods being the auctioneer. Various items were brought along to be auctioned and we are absolutely delighted that the money raised has been donated to the school. Thank you to Libby, Pete, Barry and all who were involved. An approximate total of \$1,900 was raised. This money will contribute to the technology equipment needed to support ICT programmes at school. Thank you so much.

COP's Winter Sports

Children involved in the COP's Winter Sports on Wednesday 29 May have received pink notices to return promptly. Year 3 & 4's play soccer at the Corbett Pavilion, Year 5 & 6's play netball at the Otorohanga Netball Courts, Year 7 & 8 play rippa rugby at the Otorohanga Island Reserve. Everyone will need to be at their venue by 9.45am and play is from 10.00am to approx. 2.00pm. Adults in charge will be Mr Dimond, Mrs Steger and Vickie Cornes.

We will depart from school at 9.15am and will be returning by 3.00pm in time for children to catch the bus or be picked up as usual. There will be no postponement date. Only the soccer will be cancelled if the weather or playing grounds are unsuitable. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at each event. Our school will be manning the barbeque at the soccer grounds and we need your help.

No soccer or rugby boots are to be worn for soccer or rugby. Netballers will need gym shoes or trainers. Teams will be given school t-shirts to play in. Players require black bottoms such as shorts or pants. If you play in a school hockey team wear the top and shorts you have already been given. Players are to bring lunch, snacks and a drink. Please ensure your pink notice is returned by Monday to allow plenty of time for the organisation of transportation for 38 participants.

National Young Leaders Day

The students who participated in the National Young Leaders Day returned from Auckland with lots of positive experiences to share. Thank you Mark, Sandra and Barry for providing transport so our seniors could attend, much appreciated.

Life Education

Welcome to school Nicky and Harold. The Life Education mobile classroom is visiting next week on Thursday and Friday. Students will be covering programmes about making choices, self-esteem and social relationships. If you wish to learn more, discuss the programmes with your children and check out www.lifeeducation.org.nz

Congratulations

Well done and congratulations to John Batger and Nikhil Shankar for competing in the 'BMX Have a Go' training and racing session in Te Kuiti on Tuesday. Both boys received awards for first place in their age group races. Nice one!

Soccer Training

We have been unlucky with the bad weather when trying to prepare for soccer training on Fridays. After some discussion parents feel it is important children train regardless of the weather conditions as they are expected to play in all weather conditions. As a result the Waitomo Hurricanes and Waitomo Wild Cats, which are the two older teams, will train regardless.

From the Fundraising Committee

Thank you to everyone who helped with the ACKMA afternoon tea fundraiser. We had a wonderful variety of baking, snacks and savoury foods available thanks to the contributions our families provided. Thank you to the Huhu Café, Waitomo Orchard, Helen Fortesque and parents. The funds raised as profit is approximately \$2,100.

The committee are currently preparing for a food stall at the soccer winter sports venue in Otorohanga on Wednesday. If you are available please come along and lend a hand from 10.00am to approx. 2.30pm.

Aluminium Cans

Thank you to those who continue to bring in the aluminium cans for recycling. Yes, we are still collecting these so feel free to drop off your empty cans and leave them at the back of the shed by the library.

Thank You

Thank you Noeleen Gibson for washing all the school hats ready for use again in Term 4. Thank you Suzanne Verry for washing all the school towels over the holiday period.

Community News